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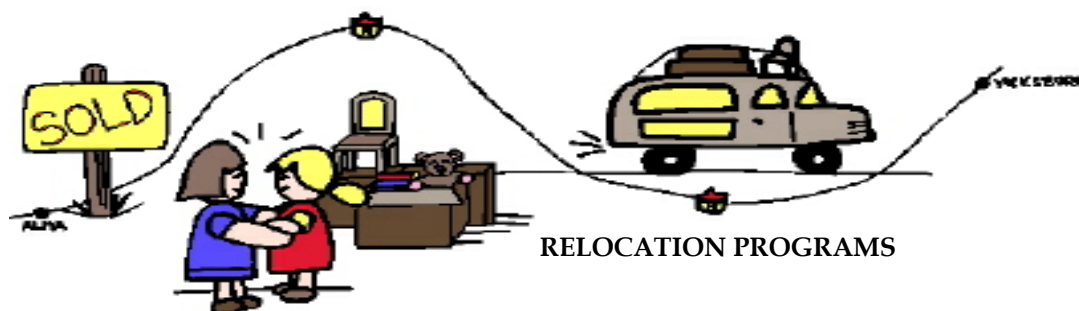


Community Involvement Newsletter

Army Community Service—Tobyhanna Army Depot



May is Moving Month!



TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT WAITING SPOUSES AND CHILDREN GROUP

Is your spouse on an unaccompanied tour, deployed, on extended TDY, and/or working late hours? Then join the Waiting Spouses and Children Group. This group is offered the second Tuesday of every month at 1800 in the Chapel Fellowship Room. We provide resources to help cope with the separation and maintain your long distance relationship. The Family Advocacy Program Educator conducts a children's group at the same time. For more information on upcoming meetings or to register call 895-6682.

SPONSORSHIP

The Total Army Sponsorship Program provides Soldiers the opportunity to receive assistance from a trained sponsor upon arrival at Tobyhanna Army Depot. The Army Community Service (ACS) Relocation Assistance Program Specialist will provide a complete Sponsorship Training Package and Sponsorship Guide to Soldiers qualified to act as sponsors.

PCS/ETS

PCSing to a new installation? The ACS Relocation Specialist will provide you information on any DoD military installation worldwide, while you wait. Assigned to an isolated location far from an installation? Not a problem. Internet access will provide localized information.

NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION

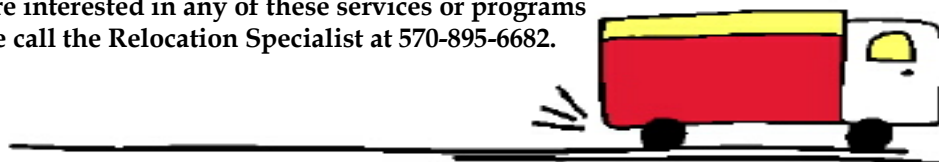
You are welcome to join us for Newcomer's Orientation. The class covers all ACS services and many community resources. A tour of the depot is offered following the briefing.

LENDING CLOSET

The Lending Closet is stocked with household items to use before your household goods arrive or after you have packed out for your new assignment. Items may be borrowed for 30 days.

The Relocation Office is located in Army Community Service, Building 1015.

**If you are interested in any of these services or programs
please call the Relocation Specialist at 570-895-6682.**





Employment Readiness Program 895-8887

AMTRAK is offering free companion tickets to parents of high school students visiting college campuses. To qualify you must meet the following criteria: Travel must be booked through the Campus, visit the website at <http://www.campusvisit.com/amtrak/>; the student must be a high school junior or senior accompanied by a parent; students will be required to present a valid high school identification card; tickets must be booked at least seven days prior to travel.

Complete details are available on the Campus website <http://www.campusvisit.com/>. The site also provides destination information and hotel discount links to families planning college visits.



Army Volunteer Corps 895-8374

Congratulations to Nionna J. for being Volunteer of the Month for March! Nionna traveled to the Pocono Mountain Elementary Schools picking up dental supplies for our deployed troops. We thank her for her time and energy—it was a lot of work!

To our new families, we

invite you to join the ACS volunteer team! We have volunteer opportunities for both adults and youth of all ages. Our youth program is a great opportunity for children to learn about giving back to their community and helping others.

Things to do, places to go, people to meet...

10 May—Day of Caring, call 895-7826

18 May at 1830—Youth Volunteer Meeting at the Youth Center

21 May at 1830—Toby Spouse meeting at the Chapel

2 Jun—Alex's Lemonade Stand at the Commissary



Army Family Team Building 895-8887

AFTB—Brown Bag Lunch Series:

“Communication: Roadblocks - The Passive Person; The Aggressive Person; and The Assertive Person” workshop will be presented on Wednesday, 9 May 07 at 1200 in the Conference Room, Bldg 11, main lobby. Call 895-8887 or 895-8374 for reservations.



Let's work together—not against each other.....



Military Spouse Appreciation Day—11 May 07

It is our day to stand up and honor the Military Spouses of our great Nation!

-For the times that you have stood and watched a ship sail from the harbor, an aircraft disappear into the clouds, a convoy pull out of sight, not sure when your loved ones would return - we thank you.

-For the countless household moves you have made from a place you know to another that is strange and different – we thank you.

-For the hand that you have extended to another military spouse when the need was there, truly creating a military strong family – we thank you.

-For the many days and years that you have stood watch at home, facing challenges alone – we thank you.

-For the families that you have held together, for the anniversaries, birthdays, and holidays you have celebrated alone – we thank you.

Our country cannot count itself strong by its armed forces alone. Our Military Wives and Husbands set a superior example of strength through devotion, courage and commitment -- You *Are* our National Strength -- and -- We Thank You!

Financial Readiness Program 895-7069

The Better Business Bureau and Department of Defense have teamed up to provide the best support for military consumers.

BBB Military Line is a program of the non-profit U.S. Better Business Bureau system, and encourages service members, retirees, DoD civilians and their Families to use the free consumer services and materials offered by the BBB. The BBB is proud to be a partner in the DoD Financial Readiness Campaign.

To find out the free consumer services that are available, visit: <http://military.bbb.org>

File a complaint, find a local BBB, research tips, use the credit education program, and research credit and money tips—all on line.



Mobilization & Deployment Program 895-6682


The Post Deployment Health Reassessment (PHDRA) is a health screening program designed to address the deployment related physical and mental needs of Soldiers. PHDRA identifies deployment related health concerns during the three to six months after Soldiers return from deployment.

This screening process empowers Soldiers by providing them the opportunity to address health related concerns early before they can negatively impact deployment status, career, or life beyond service.

For more information about PHDRA, visit: <http://www.pdhealth.mil/dcs/pdhra.asp>



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 <i>Brown Bag Lunch Seminar- 1200</i>	10 <i>Day of Caring</i>	11	12
13 	14	15	16	17	18 <i>Youth Volunteer Meeting-1830</i>	19 <i>Armed Forces Parade in Scranton</i>
20	21 <i>Toby Spouses Meeting-1830</i>	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 <i>Sexual Assault Awareness Luncheon-1130</i>		

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ACS Program Manager & Financial Readiness—(570) 895-7069
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